

Jersey City Public Schools

LITERACY INSTITUTE

FOUR K-5 workshops on TWO SATURDAYS, expressly for parents & guardians.

Workshops will be held at Frank R. Conwell Middle School #4.



These Literacy Institute Workshops will help parents & guardians make **STRONG LITERACY CONNECTIONS and provide support to their children at home.**

These connections provide parents & guardians with **USEFUL TIPS to aid their children in developing stronger **READING** and **WRITING SKILLS**, ultimately improving their childrens' success in school!**

Session # 1: Saturday, March 14, 2009, MORNING SESSION, 10:00am-12:00pm

“Preparing Young Learners for Test Taking Demands of the Terra Nova (Grade K-2)”

Provides parents & guardians of K-2 students with an overview of the Terra Nova test and Effective Techniques for helping their child be better prepared for the standardized assessment.



Session # 2: March 14, 2009, AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:00pm-3:00pm

“PREPARING GRADE 3-5 LEARNERS TO BE MORE SUCCESSFUL ON THE NJASK”

Provides parents & guardians with an in-depth Overview & Testing Strategies for helping their child at home as they prepare to take the NJASK 3- 5 standardized assessment. Help your child be better prepared for this assessment by developing their reading and writing skills for test taking.

*TWO SESSIONS are planned to meet your needs in gaining awareness of helping your child perform better on the either the **TERRA NOVA** AND/OR **NJASK** at home.*

*Morning Session- Parents/Guardians of students in grades K-2.
Afternoon Session- Parents/Guardians of students in grades 3-5.*

Session # 3: April 4, 2009, MORNING SESSION,
10:00am-12:00pm

“READING STRATEGIES, K-5”

Focuses on providing strategies designed to promote **LITERACY DEVELOPMENT** for K-5th grade students in **READING** – emphasizing connections to the district’s language arts curriculum.



Practical tips and techniques for READING ACTIVELY with, and to, your child will be presented.

- *Learn about the different kinds of reading strategies and skills to help your child understand what they are reading better.*
- *Use materials to guide your child to be an “engaged reader”, encourage fluency by selecting books in your child’s comfort zone for reading independently. Encourage your child to read, talk, and respond to books.*
- *Try a reading response journal with your child by writing about a favorite character or a personal connection. Try a book talk at home with your child and get involved in what they are reading.*



Session # 4: Saturday, April 4, 2009,
AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:00-3:00PM

“WRITING STRATEGIES, K-5”

Focuses on strategies designed to further **LITERACY DEVELOPMENT** for K-5th grade students in the area **WRITING** – emphasizing connections from talk to reading, writing and thinking; the focus of the district’s language arts curriculum.

Parents & guardians will participate in WRITING ACTIVITIES that can easily be replicated at home with your children.

- *Make time for writing at home to create opportunities to celebrate & share in the power of written expression.*
- *Support your child in using their “writers’ notebook” and using it as a place to keep their writing.*
- *Talk about writing for different purposes in everyday life and why it is important.*
- ❖ **PARENTS & GUARDIANS will be provided with hand-outs and other instructional materials to offer continuing guidance in their efforts to increase the literacy development of their children.**
- ❖ **Every PARENT or CAREGIVER will take home AT LEAST ONE (1) AGE-APPROPRIATE BOOK for their child from each of the 4 workshops!**
- ❖ **Free BOOKS or materials AVAILABLE at each workshop!**
- ❖ **LIGHT REFRESHMENTS will be provided.**

REGISTRATION FORM TO BE RETURNED
TO YOUR CHILD'S PRINCIPAL By March 6th, 2009.

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PARENT CONNECTION SATURDAY LITERACY INSTITUTE

Parent Name:

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Child (ren) Name(s):

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Emergency Phone # in case of inclement weather or emergency:

E-mail address, if available: _____

**PLEASE PLACE A CHECK MARK FOR EACH WORKSHOP YOU WILL
BE ATTENDING:**

_____ **Session 1: "Preparing Young Learners (K-2) for the Terra Nova"**

Date: **Saturday, March 14, (Morning) 10am -12:00pm**

Location: Frank R. Conwell Middle School #4
107 Bright Street
Jersey City, NJ 07302

_____ **Session 2: "NJASK Testing Strategies for Grades 3-5"**

Date: **Saturday, March 14, (Afternoon) 1:00-3:00pm**

Location: Frank R. Conwell Middle School #4
107 Bright Street
Jersey City, NJ 07302

REGISTRATION FORM TO BE RETURNED
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**PLEASE PLACE A CHECK MARK FOR EACH WORKSHOP YOU WILL
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_____ **Session #3 "Reading Strategies"**
Date: **Saturday, April 4th (Morning) 10:00-12:00pm**
Location: Frank R. Conwell Middle School #4
107 Bright Street
Jersey City, NJ 07302

_____ **Session #4 "Writing Strategies"**
Date: **Saturday, April 4th, (Afternoon) 1:00 pm-3:00pm**
Location: "Frank R. Conwell Middle School #4
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Jersey City, NJ 07302